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REF: (A) USNATO 2512 (DTG 291051Z APR 77);
(B) STATE 120386 (DTG 250212Z MAY 77); (C) DS/ASG(77)55

1. WHILE WE DO NOT DISAGREE WITH PARA 3 OF REF A, WE
WOULD POINT OUT THAT THAT MESSAGE WAS TRANSMITTED BY
USNATO FOR ESD OLA 100 (NAPO).

2. AFTER REVIEW OF REF B, WE BELIEVE THE POINTS MADE
IN PARA 6 THROUGH 10 PROVIDE SOME FRESH INFORMATION;
HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THE APPROACH MAY BE SOMEWHAT
POLEMICAL FOR USE WITH THE BELGIANS AND GERMANS AT THIS
TIME. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN THE CASE OF THE
BELGIANS, WHO ARE PLANNING A 4 PCT REAL ANNUAL INCREASE
IN DEFENSE EXPENDITURES, WHO HAVE RECENTLY AGREED TO A
SUPPLEMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM, AND WHOM WE ARE
TRYING TO CONVINCE TO MAINTAIN THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO
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THE HAWK BELT. IN THE CASE OF THE FRG, ONLY THE
DISCUSSION OF THE RESTRUCTURED US PROGRAM SEEMS TO BE
NEW INFORMATION.

3. THEREFORE, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO MAKE ORALLY ONLY
THE POINTS COVERED IN PARAS 5 AND 11 OF REF B WITH THE
BELGIANS IN RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUEST FOR A NEW COST

SHARING APPROACH (REF C). IN ADDITION, WE SUGGEST THAT THERE MAY BE INSUFFICIENT NEW INFORMATION IN THE FRG-RELATED PARTS OF REF B TO WARRANT RAISING AT THIS TIME THE SOMEWHAT DORMANT FRG JANUARY-FEBRUARY ALLEGATIONS OF "FINANCIAL FLOWBACK" TO THE US. THE ARGUMENT MIGHT BETTER BE HELD FOR FUTURE FINANCIAL EXPERTS MEETINGS IN RESPONSE TO ANY SUCH GERMAN CLAIMS ON THOSE OCCASIONS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE.BENNETT

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